



2006 ACIP RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE Summary July 12, 2006

Proposal

The department is requesting the board to adopt the proposed rule change for WAC 246-100-166, Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

What

The proposed rule change updates the reference to the Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule from the 2005 version to the 2006 version and makes one housekeeping change. The proposed effective date is July 1, 2007.

Why

The intent of the underlying statute is to prevent and/or contain outbreaks of certain diseases by requiring immunization to vaccine-preventable diseases in order for children to attend schools or child care centers. The proposed rule meets this intent by updating the reference in rule to the 2006 Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule, thereby requiring compliance with the schedule for the diseases identified in the rule. Specifically, this proposal will change the rule from requiring a Td (tetanus and diphtheria) booster to a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster at ages 11-12 years.

Who is affected and how

Children in Washington State will be better protected against pertussis (whooping cough). In recent years, there has been an increased incidence of pertussis and the need for protection has increased as a result.

Schools throughout the state will be required to screen for Tdap compliance before allowing a child to attend school. The new requirement will be implemented incrementally over a seven year period beginning with 6th grade and expanding to include 6th through 12th grade by the 2013-2014 school year.

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